

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes Sir. Annual reports on the incidents of air mishaps are prepared and issued by D.G.C.A., after the reports are accepted by the Government.

(b) to (d) Annual reports for the years 1994 and 1995 have been issued. As regards 1996, reports of some of the accidents are under examination. After the acceptance of these reports by the Government, the annual report of 1996 will be released.

[Translation]

Allotment of Petrol Pumps and Gas Agencies

753. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps and gas agencies were allotted in Chandigarh during the last three years and the number of persons to whom allotments were made from discretionary quota and on general basis, separately;

(b) whether complete legal procedure like publishing advertisement, inviting applications etc. were completed before the allotments; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) During the last three years i.e. 1994-95 to 1996-97, eight (8) retail outlet dealerships and three (3) LPG distributorships were allotted in Chandigarh. Of these, all retail outlets and one LPG distributorship were allotted under discretionary powers of the Government, and two LPG distributorships were allotted through the prescribed selection procedure i.e. issue of advertisement by the oil companies and interviews of applicants by the Oil Selection Board.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Recovery of Dues from Private Airlines

754. SHRI PRAKASH VISHWANATH PARANJPE :
SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR :
SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether private airlines owe about Rs. 200 crore to Government agencies including the Airport Transport Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps taken to recover these dues?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Total outstanding dues pending recovery from private airlines are as under:—

Inland Air Travel Tax		(As on 1.7.1997)
Dues	—	Rs. 23.13 crores
Interest	—	Rs. 12.76 cores
Penalty	—	Rs. 15.40 crores
Total	—	Rs. 51.29 crores

Various charges, fees etc. of
Airports Authority of India (As on 31.5.1997)
Rs. 25.01 crores

(c) Action is taken as per law against the airlines defaulting in payment of IATT. Even aircraft have been detained in the past for recovery of IATT dues.

All efforts are made by Airports Authority of India to recover its dues. The defaulting airlines are regularly reminded to clear the dues, failing which their security deposit is adjusted against the dues. Further, the credit facility has been withdrawn in some cases.

[Translation]

Deployment of Prithvi Missile

755. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stopped the deployment of Prithvi missile under some foreign pressure; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) In order to equip our Armed Forces with the State-of-the-art missiles and to counter any possible threat from the neighbouring countries, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has been entrusted with the task of developing various missiles through Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP). Design and development work on the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme is progressing as planned. Prithvi missile has gone in production and other missiles

are at various stages of development. It would not be in the interest of national security to divulge any further details in this regard.

Establishment of Kendriya Vidyalaya

756. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kendriya Vidyalaya opened in the country during 1996-97;

(b) whether the scheme pertaining to opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Sambhal region of Uttar Pradesh has been implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) 20 new Kendriya Vidyalayas were sanctioned for 1996-97.

(b) and (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that the proposal for opening of a new Kendriya Vidyalaya at Sambhal Town has not been received from the District Administration.

Village Libraries

757. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Culture had any proposal to set up village Libraries equipped with basic educational facilities since 1995-96; and

(b) if so, the reasons for non-implementing this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) The Department had formulated a scheme of School-cum-Village Libraries. The Scheme was not approved by the Ministry of Finance, which advised the evaluation of the existing schemes to avoid duplication.

Development of Underground Water Resources

758. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an action plan is being formulated by the Union Government for the development of

underground water resources in the districts of the States facing drought every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the concise draft of the scheme and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the progress made so far in respect of this scheme in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) No, Sir. Water being a State subject, development of ground water resources in the drought prone districts of various States is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, there is an on-going scheme under implementation by the Central Ground Water Board for providing assistance to drought affected States. Under this scheme, 25 rigs are presently deployed by the Board in drought prone districts of various States for drilling of wells.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) Under the on-going scheme 4 rigs are presently deployed in the drought prone districts of Allahabad and Mirzapur of Uttar Pradesh for drilling 36 boreholes (31 exploratory wells and 5 observation wells) during 1997-98.

[English]

Use of IAF Aircraft by MOS

759. PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR' : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the present Union Minister of State for Defence used IAF aircraft to take his relative and others from Chennai to Delhi and Calcutta;

(b) the charges payable by him to IAF in this regard;

(c) the amount paid by him so far; and

(d) the steps being taken to recover the balance amount from him?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (d) The Raksha Rajya Mantri uses Service aircraft in the discharge of his functions. Divulging the purpose of each journey, and other details would not be in public interest.